THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) The major insurgent groups operating in the North-East are the following:

(i) Assam:

1. United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA).
2. National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB).
3. Bodo Liberation Tiger Force

(BLTF).

(ii)Manipur:

1. People's Liberation Army (PLA).
2. United' National Liberation Front (UNLF).
3. People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK)
4. Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP).
5. Kanglei Yaol Kanba Lup (KYKL).

(iii)Nagaland:

1. National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak/Muivah) (NSCN(I/M).
2. National Socialist Council of Nagland (Khaplang) (NSCNK).

(iv)Tripura:

1. All Tripura Tiger Force.
2. National Liberation Front of

Tripura.

It is difficult to estimate accurately the membership and arms holding of these groups.

(b) Available details of deaths and kidnappings in the North East, State wise, during the last five years (1994—1998) are as under:

State	Deaths	Kidnappings
Assam	1814	483
Tripura	1160	1353
Meghalaya	24	8
Nagaland	608	203
Manipur	1209	23
Mizoram	4	0
Arunachal Pradesh	20	16

(c) Steps taken by the Government to deal with insurgency situation in North Eastern States include, inter alia, deployment of additional units of of Central Para Military Forces and Army; improved coordination and sharing of intelligence; modernisation/ upgradation of State Police Forces; sanction of Special Central Assistance; reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure; declaration of the most seriously affected areas as "disturbed areas" and notification of the major insurgent groups as "unlawful associations". The situation is also Kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time for taking appropriate action.

The strategy to curb insurgency also includes a willingness to meet and discuss legitimate grievances; friendly relations with neighbouring countries; accelerated infrastructural development; stress on employment schemes; and good governance and decentralisation.

Unauthorised construction in Cantonment areas

*213. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that unauthorised construction is going on unabated in Cantonment areas throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have chalked out any strategy to check such unauthorised construction; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. Some unauthorised constructions are reported from some Cantonments.

(b) and (c) As and when unauthorised constructions are detected or reported, action to stop/remove the unauthorised construction is promptly initiated.

Monitoring of RD projects in States

*214. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have an Area Officer to monitor implementation of Rural Development programmes in different State;

(b) whether any Area Officer visited Andhra Pradesh to study the IAY programmes this year;

(c) whether proper follow-up action is being taken after such visits; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken to ensure adequate flow of funds for IAY and other programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment is implementing Area Officers Scheme which primarily aims at monitoring the implementations of programmes of the Ministry in different States in the field including the State of Andhra Pradesh with special reference to quality, timeliness and proper achievement of physical and financial targets. Andhra Pradesh was visited thrice during April 98 to September 98 by the Area Officer concerned, to study the programmes of the Ministry including Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY). The Area Officer of Andhra Pradesh, during his visit, had noticed that the procedure adopted in the selection of IAY beneficiary in general is not in conformity with the IAY Guidelines. A Status Report has been called for from the State government.

The allocation of central resources for the programmes of this Ministry is on the basis of proportion of rural poor in a State/UT to the total rural poor in the country.

The allocation of funds from States to districts is made on the basis of index of backwardness of the districts. The Central assistance is released every year to the States/ UTs in two installments, as far as possible, subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions such as receipt of utilisation certificate for releases made earlier etc. The State Government is required to release its matching share to the District Rural Development Agencies/Zila Parishads (DRDAs/ZPs) within a week after the release of Central assistance. Funds to the village Panchayats are distributed by the DRDAs/ZPs in according with the conditions prescribed in the sanction order of the Government of India, so as to ensure adequate flow of funds for IAY and other programmes.

कांडला विमानपत्तन

*215. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला :** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने भारतीय नौसेना और वायुसेना के विमानों को उडान की सुविधा प्रदान करने के लिए गुजरात के कांडला असैनिक विमानपत्तन को सुसजित सैनिक विमानपत्तन बनाने का निर्णय लिया है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस संबंध में कभी औपचारिकता को पूरा कर लिया गया है,

(ग) क्या नागर विमानन मंत्रालय ने इस प्रयोजनार्थ अपनी सहमति और अनुमति दे दी है, और

(घ) उक्त विमानपत्तन को सैनिक विमानपत्तन किस तारीख से घोषित किया जाएगा ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जॉज फर्नान्डी) : (क) जी , नहीं । (ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Conversion of Department of Official Language

*216. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the 3rd All India Official Languages Conference, inaugurated by the then Prime Minister in New Delhi on 1st March, 1978 had adopted a resolution that the Department of Official Language, Government of India, shall be converted into Department of Official Languages;

(b) if so, the reasons for not implementing the resolution, so far;

(c) whether Government contemplate to implement the same; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) A Conference of all States/UTs was organised in Delhi in March, 1978 to discuss the use of Indian Languages in Official work. The participant in the conference had exchanged their views regarding use of Indian Languages in Official work in Government Undertakings, Public services and in the field of Law. Among the recommendation made in this regard, it was also one of the recommendation, that exchange